

Van Buren County Land Bank Authority

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Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2021

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM by Chairperson Nesbitt. Roll call was taken with Compton, DeYoung, Morris and Nesbitt present, Newton was absent.
- 2. Compton moved, Nesbitt seconded, CARRIED, to approve meeting minutes as presented from the April 14, 2021 meeting. All were in favor.
- 3. Update on 5 West Main Street
 - a. Erik Petersen of Envirologic gave an overview of the Phase 1 ESA on both 1 West Main Street and 5 West Main Street.
 - i. There are no remnants of asbestos from the demolition of 1 West Main Street.
 - ii. Small quantities of asbestos were found in 5 West Main Street in materials such as flooring.
 - iii. The Phase 1 ESA is valid for 6 months (January 2022). Between 6 months and 1 year after the initial assessment, an update can be performed. After 1 year, a new Phase 1 ESA will need to be performed.
 - b. Nesbitt reviewed the structural engineering report of 5 West Main Street as prepared by Byce and Associates.
 - i. Report indicates concern regarding the exposed party wall, specifically the now exposed brick wall, wood joist framing at the second floor and roof elevations, and the wood plate at the base of the brick wall.
 - ii. Discussion centered on the urgency of suggested repairs and Nesbitt will follow up with engineer who prepared report.
- 4. Foreclosure update
 - a. Review of properties listed at Tax-Sale.info. Nesbitt only recommends the acquisition of 1 West Main Street following the second-round auction.
- 5. Other business
 - a. Compton noted that the Sherman Hills project has stalled due to cost and availability of materials for project.
 - b. No update available on Everett Parkway at this time.
- 6. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Van Buren County Land Bank